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June 29, 2022

**SUBJECT: Bradford Island Cleanup Site, Cascade Locks, Oregon**

Honorable Delano Saluskin  
Chairman, Yakama Tribal Council  
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
PO Box 151  
Fort Road, Toppenish, WA 98948

Dear Chairman Saluskin,

Thank you for your letter dated May 13, 2022. The letter summarized the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation) understanding of the April 5, 2022 government-to-government consultation regarding the Bradford Island Superfund Site.

We hear your concern to move forward with a sense of urgency to cleanup Bradford Island under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process. We are committed to working with the U.S. EPA and the States to negotiate the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) as soon as possible with a goal of within one year, if possible.

We acknowledge your interest in receiving information regarding the cleanup and in providing input on that process, including the opportunity to review and comment on the FFA, as permitted by federal law and regulation. We also invite tribal members to participate in virtual and in-person interviews taking place in the vicinity of Cascade Locks, Oregon July 11 to August 11, 2022 to update the community involvement plan. A separate invitation will be emailed to interested entities, including the Yakama Nation.

Additionally, your proposal for annual government-to-government consultation on the Bradford Island cleanup is reasonable and importantly sustainable. We agree to consult on this timetable, and therefore look forward to the next consultation in April 2023.

As part of upholding our Treaty and Trust responsibilities we are always open to meeting with the Yakama Nation for any concerns you may have regarding Bradford Island. If you have any questions please contact Chris Budai, Project Manager at (503) 808-4725, or by email [Christine.M.Budai@usace.army.mil](mailto:Christine.M.Budai@usace.army.mil), or contact our Tribal Liaison, Craig Johnson at (503) 808-4508 or by email [craig.j.johnson@usace.army.mil](mailto:craig.j.johnson@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael D. Helton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Michael D. Helton, PMP  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Commander

cc:

Calvin Terada, Division Director, Superfund & Emergency Management, EPA –  
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